

adat: War inevitable current bid fails

President Anwar Sadat Monday Egypt, backed by Arab states, notably oil-rich Arabia, will launch an "able" war against Israel, current peace efforts fail, "seeing a meeting of the one Judicial Council," Sadat all Arab states, particularly Arabia, support Egypt's position is to seek a peace settlement, and to resort to an "able" war, if we are forced to, in settlement is not possible. "The organ of the ruling party, 'al-Baath,' yesterday that there is no optimism over the prospects of a Geneva Middle East conference.

long as Israel insists it will not withdraw, then international efforts are not enough and optimism is unwarranted," the newspaper said. But Egyptian foreign minister Ismail Fahmy, speaking in Paris yesterday, was more optimistic about prospects that the Geneva conference might reconvene in Paris before the year's end. Fahmy told reporters at a news conference, "I guarantee that the Palestine Liberation Organization will be represented in one way or another. There will be no solution to the problem of the Middle East, without a solution to the Palestinian problem."

Shells hit S. Lebanon villages

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
METULLA. — At least one person was killed and eight wounded in terrorist artillery attacks on the eastern enclave in South Lebanon yesterday. The terrorist attacks began with sniping on Lebanese who were working on new water pipeline projects close to the Beaufort Castle, west of the Litani River. Later the terrorists holding the castle shelled Christian villages, killing a 22-year-old man in Der Mimnas and wounding others, one of them seriously. The Christians returned the fire. One of the wounded was flown by an Israeli military helicopter to hospital in Haifa, where an operation was performed. AP reports from Nabatiya that Palestinian positions there came under artillery fire yesterday and that at least two persons were killed. The Palestinians said the shelling came from "either Christian positions or from Israel," about 12 kms. to the south. The shelling is reported to have been the heaviest since the cease-fire went into effect on September 28. In Beirut, the police reported that four Christians who had been kidnapped were found murdered yesterday at a Druze mountain stronghold about 20 kms. east of the city.

Mayor may meet PLO in Beirut

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The current visit of Mayor Shawa to Beirut is raising speculation that he will take the opportunity to meet with PLO representatives there on the possibility of being part of a Palestinian delegation to the Geneva conference. A speculation was denied last by Shawa's daughter, Laila, said that her father went to Beirut with her brother on family business. Her visit to Beirut coincides with the dispatch of a letter to UN

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim signed by the Mayor and more than 10 other notables from Gaza. Dr. Heider Abdel-Shafi, head of the local Red Crescent Society, who wrote the letter told The Jerusalem Post last night that it reaffirmed the conviction of Gazans that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Asked whether Mayor Shawa could be considered as a candidate to represent the Palestinians at Geneva, Dr. Abdel-Shafi said that the PLO had the right to appoint whomever they wished to represent them.

Jordanians protest Iraqi ing of student 'spy'

JAN (UPI). — Hundreds of Jordanians waving banners and shouting slogans against Iraq yesterday in Amman protested the execution of a 24-year-old student in Baghdad last month as a spy. "I am down with this regime," shouted demonstrators in procession against the Iraqi regime. Heavily armed Jordanians and armoured cars ringed the assembly. No violence was reported. A funeral for Rayid Butros yesterday came two days after Jordan severed all educational ex-

changes with the radical Iraqi regime in protest of his hanging. A Jordanian spokesman said Amman "reserves the right to completely re-examine" its ties with Baghdad in light of what he termed the Iraqi's "savage act." Jordan said Zawaydeh, an agricultural student in Iraq, was innocent of the espionage charges brought last May. He was hanged on September 24 after what his father charged was a perfunctory 15-minute trial at which the student was not allowed a lawyer nor "even allowed to defend himself."

p priority for industries d schools in new settlements

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
Inter-ministerial committee the development of new settlements has authorized the construction of 10,000 sq.m. of industrial buildings in new settlements on the Golan Heights and in the Judean Hills. The planning and construction of the infrastructure are to be completed by the end of the current fiscal year. The committee's chairman, Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, Yitzhak Peretz said the new settlements would rate priority in getting Government subsidies. The committee, is composed of representatives of all the ministries concerned in the establishment and development of settlements. A decision applies to Eilat

Moreh (Kaddum), Pe'erim (Mesa'ba) and Ofrah. By the end of November, a building to house seven school classes will be constructed in Eilat Moreh. Within a month, also, the registration and screening of settlers will start for the urban centre Ma'atib Ephraim, which will be settled by March 1978. It will serve the agricultural settlements in the Jordan Rift Valley. All these settlements were established under the previous government. The inter-ministerial committee should not be confused with the joint Government-Zionist Organisation committee on settlement and with the newly established Cabinet settlement committee headed by Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon.

lipino Moslems slaughter soldiers at 'peace' talks

MANILA (UPI). — A brigadier general of the Philippine army and his officers and men were gunned down by Moslem rebels during a "peace" meeting in a marketplace on Mindanao, about 550 kms south of Manila, a government spokesman said today. Gen. Teodoro Bautista, 49, the 32 soldiers were killed in a

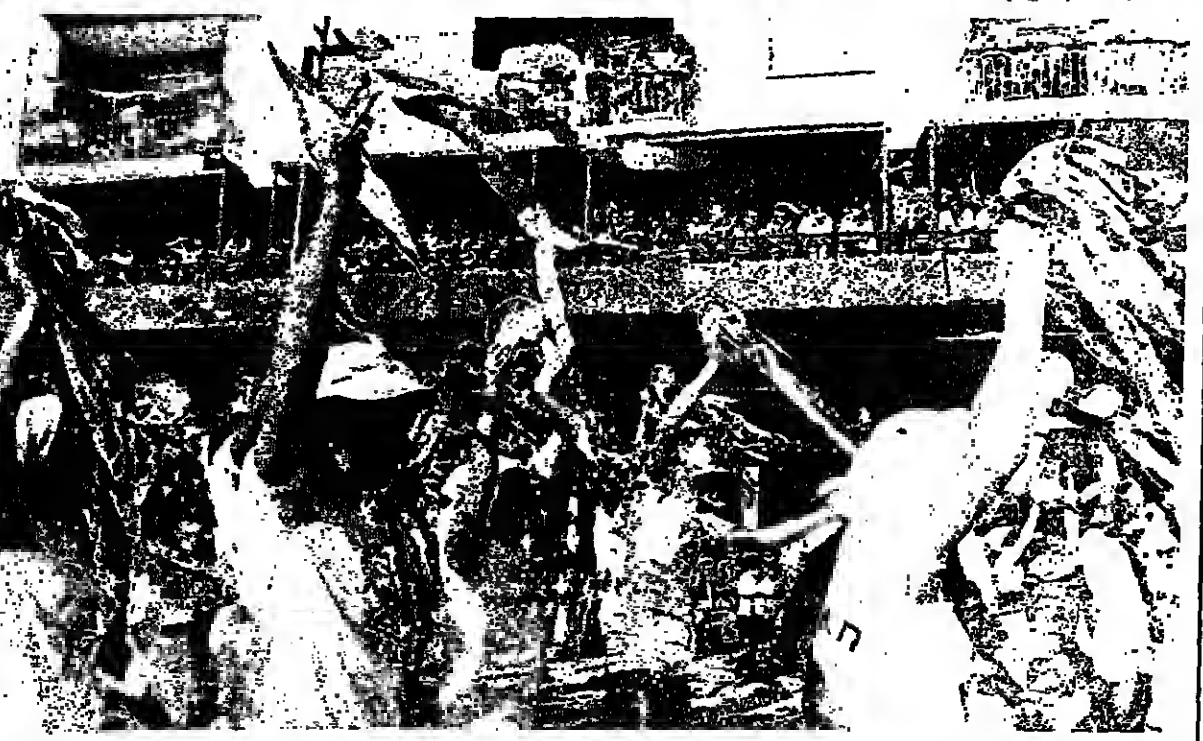
sudden burst of gunfire shortly after the general shook hands with Uman Sali, a top commander of the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front, the spokesman said. Bautista was the highest ranking military officer to have been killed in the five years of a separatist rebellion in the southern provinces of the Philippines. Three enlisted men in the 86-member peace party headed by Bautista survived the massacre. All three suffered gunshot wounds. "As proof of the treachery with which the massacre was perpetrated, not one of the 36 officers and men of Gen. Bautista's party could fire a single shot in self-defence," said acting Secretary of Public Information Lorenzo Cruz. Cruz said Bautista had arranged the meeting with Sali apparently in the belief that he was ready to surrender to government forces.

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Marchers prefer the 'Burma Road'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Autumnal weather and summery spirits marked the annual Jerusalem March yesterday, as 50,000 hikers converged on the capital by four routes through the Judean Hills. The "Burma Road," hacked out as a supply route to beleaguered Jerusalem in 1948, was utilized for the first time as a march route and drew the largest crowd. Historical explanations were provided along the way. Most of the marchers, including 1,000 from abroad, participated in the concluding parade down Jaffa Road in the afternoon.

Severe traffic snarls were reported because of blocked roads, and thousands of persons were delayed in reaching school and work places in the morning. "The whole city marbled today — come in the parade and the rest because they couldn't get through in their cars," said one Jerusalemite. Over 24,000 Gdudim youths marched along two routes from Bar Giora and Ramat Raziel in the Jerusalem Corridor. They came from virtually every town in the country, including Eilat and Kiryat Shmona. Persons over 45 marched a relatively level route along the crest of the hills from the Kichon Bloc. The adult routes were about 26 kilometres and the youth routes 18 kilometres. Most of the marchers gathered before dawn at the jumping off points, which were lit with floodlights. There was a festive atmosphere despite the chill, with music piped over loudspeakers and impromptu singing. Three groups had come from abroad especially for the march: one from Germany, a contingent from British Airways, and Japanese from the Makuya sect. Other foreigners visiting or living in Israel also participated. So did some 1500 new immigrants, many of whom spent the night at the Mevasseret Jerusalem Absorption Centre. Close to 1,000 buses had been (Continued on page 3, col. 2)



Gadna youth lift high their tambourines as they march down Jerusalem's Jaffa Road during yesterday's march. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

El Al plans fare cuts on economy flights to Europe and the U.S.

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
El Al general manager Mordechai Ben-Ari told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that the airline will soon make big cuts in its fares for Israelis flying to Europe and the U.S. He said that this would be done by economizing on services for the traveller and at the expense of comfort. In the second half of November, as soon as approval has been received from the U.S. and Israeli governments, El Al will provide a section for "vacationers" on its flights to the U.S. The two-way fare, including a seven-day stay, for groups of at least 30, will be \$499 a person. The lowest fare today is \$628. Individual travellers will be able to fly to the U.S. and back for \$550, but their exact flight date will be fixed only a week in advance. No food will be served on these cheap flights and the seating will be more crowded than at present. However, travellers will be able to buy food before embarking. From April, El Al hopes to get approval from the International Air Transport Association for cheap flights to Europe. The reductions on these flights will be even bigger than those to the U.S. because they will include a 30 to 60 day stay, depending on the price of the ticket. Fares for Israelis will be the same as those for foreigners, so that the former will actually get a bigger reduction. The cut in fares will range from 35 to 70 per cent, depending on the season, the length of stay abroad, and whether it is a group flight. A single fare to London, for example, will be \$459-\$514, return throughout the year, instead of \$791

as today. A trip to Paris will cost \$438-\$493 instead of \$762. Group flights in the winter will be even cheaper — \$245 per person, up to a maximum of \$355. Ben-Ari said that the new rules were in line with proposals he had made to IATA as early as 1973. In reply to questions, Ben-Ari said that El Al's management believes that labour relations in the company can be improved only by setting up a joint workers' council which alone should be empowered to decide on strikes by a special majority decision. Labour disputes should be brought before the Board on Agreed Arbitration. Also, El Al should have a disciplinary court with a chairman from outside the company. The areas of responsibility of management and workers should be redefined so as to prevent disputes of jurisdiction.

A Czech who hijacked a plane to West Germany previously, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment in March. The police said that a 29-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman friend, both ground employees of the state-run Czech Airlines, flew as passengers on a domestic flight yesterday and forced the pilot to cross the border into Germany and land at Frankfurt. The plane was carrying 26 passengers and a crew of three. The couple brandished a pistol and revolver when they took over the aircraft, which was on a flight from Karlovy Vary, the former Carlsbad, to Prague. In Prague, airport authorities said the man, an air traffic control instructor, was wanted on a charge of stealing a large sum of money and a camera from his pregnant mistress. They said a warrant of arrest had been issued for him yesterday morning. This raised the possibility that Czechoslovakia would ask for his extradition, but legal authorities said no extradition agreement exists between the Prague and Bonn Governments.

Unanimous cabinet approval for Geneva working paper



Prime Minister Begin as he left hospital in Tel Aviv yesterday. At right is his wife, Aliza. Standing behind him is his physician, Dr. Shlomo Laniado. (Millman)

BEGIN LEAVES HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Prime Minister Menachem Begin left Ichilov Hospital here yesterday morning, looking rested but slightly pale after his 21-day confinement for treatment of a minor heart ailment. "With the help of the excellent doctors and nurses I feel fine," the 64-year-old Premier told reporters on the lawn outside the hospital. He embraced Dr. Shlomo Laniado, who has been treating him for pericarditis (inflammation of the heart membrane) together with Dr. Eliahu Lurie, before taking leave of his fellow patients and setting off for Jerusalem.

Although he was permitted to attend yesterday's crucial Cabinet meeting, his doctors have recommended that he take things easy at home for the next few days.

Washington pleased

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials, pleased by the Cabinet decision last night, will now present the working paper to the Arab Governments. There is some concern, however, that Arabs might reject it, insisting on revisions and amendments. American officials, for example, fear that the Arabs — specifically

Syria — might refuse to go along with the tentative proposal because it fails to mention the PLO by name. Such Arab counter-proposals could drag the entire process out and force the Israeli Cabinet to take another look at the Arab request for changes, delaying the start of a Geneva conference.

Waldheim says PLO a must for Geneva

DAMASCUS (UPI). — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said in an interview published yesterday that the PLO must take part in Geneva peace talks and that there can be no solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict without solving the

problem of the Palestinians. Waldheim told the New York correspondent of "al-Baath," organ of the ruling Ba'ath Party, that the issue of Palestinian participation is of extreme importance.

By DAVID LANDAU and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters
The Cabinet last night unanimously approved the working paper for the Geneva talks that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance drafted in the U.S. last week.

The Cabinet Secretary read a brief statement to newsmen saying: "The Cabinet has decided to approve the working paper on suggestions for the resumption of the Geneva Conference as agreed upon by the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of State with Foreign Minister Dayan on October fifth."

Observers noted immediately that the Cabinet had not affixed any qualifications, reservations or conditions to its approval of the paper. The Cabinet Secretary, indeed, stressed that "no appendices or stipulations" had been added. "The statement speaks for itself," he said. Though pressed by newsmen, he refused even to interpret the words in the statement "as agreed upon" as an oblique reference to the "protocol" which Dayan signed together with the working paper. This reportedly contained Israel's rejection of the U.S. Secret Joint Communiqué, its clear-cut refusal to agree to PLO representation at the peace conference, and its refusal to even discuss the establishment of a Palestinian state. The Cabinet is apparently satisfied that these basic conditions are sufficiently implicit in the working paper itself.

While the approval of the working paper had been expected, many observers believed the Cabinet would add qualifications or reservations stressing Israel's position on the PLO-Palestinian issue. Apparently, though, the U.S. had insistently pressed for a straight approval untrammelled by additional qualifications, so as not to encumber Washington in its efforts to "sell" the working paper to the Arab parties.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said further diplomatic contacts would now follow, as preparations proceeded for the reconvening of Geneva "soon — as we all desire."

Naor, plainly restricted in what he was allowed to say to the crowd of local and overseas newsmen, was reluctant to divulge details of the Cabinet debate. He noted that it was "the longest ever of this Cabinet" because the issue is so serious and important.

While he stressed repeatedly that the final decision had been approved "unanimously and without objections," he implied that several of the ministers had expressed doubts about the working paper during the course of the debate. He would not say whether the Cabinet had actually put forward alternative proposals to reject the paper or hedge Israel's acceptance of it with specific conditions.

Dayan had opened the five-hour Cabinet session with a two-hour report on his series of talks in Washington and New York, and on the text and significance of the working paper.

The working paper is understood to provide for a united Arab delegation, including Palestinians, to attend the formal opening session or sessions of the conference. This united delegation would remain in existence throughout. At the same time there would be multi-party Arab delegations that would discuss with Israel such issues as the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the refugee problem. Bilateral matters will be negotiated between Israel and each Arab state individually, and the ultimate treaties will be signed with each Arab state, not with the joint delegation.

Top U.S. sources have said the "breakthrough" was Israel's agreement to "a Palestinian voice" at the conference, rejecting the united and multi-party delegations.

Premier Menachem Begin presided over the meeting, which began a few hours after his discharge from hospital in Tel Aviv. The central issues around which the Cabinet discussion revolved were considered by Begin and Dayan in a tête-à-tête at the Premier's official residence in Jerusalem late yesterday afternoon. The two then drove to the Prime Minister's Office for the Cabinet session which started at 6:15, a little later than scheduled.

All the Ministers were present except for Housing and Construction Minister Gideon Patt who left for the U.S. yesterday on an official mission. At the Cabinet session, Dayan presented the full text of the working paper, which had been kept secret hitherto, and which many of the Ministers now saw for the first time. After the session Secretary Naor said the paper would still not be publicly released, as this might hinder diplomatic efforts.

When Dayan arrived from the U.S. yesterday, he told a large crowd of waiting journalists at Ben-Gurion Airport that he would advise the Cabinet to accept the working paper because it was "a good document. I find it acceptable and I hope others too will find it acceptable." (See photo — page two)

He told journalists: "The working paper says categorically that we will not sit with the Palestine Liberation Organization. If a Palestinian delegation composed of people from the West Bank and Gaza, whom we live with all year round, should announce at Geneva that it represents the PLO, we shall not sit with it."

The idea of a united Arab delegation was already agreed upon during Premier Menachem Begin's visit to Washington in July. But it is clear that there will be no substantive negotiations with a united delegation. Negotiations between Israel and the Arabs over a peace treaty will be held separately with Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Dayan said that if the Arab governments accepted the working paper, there was no reason why the Geneva conference should not convene before the end of the year.

He said: "There cannot be a Geneva conference without Israel. Israel will not go to the conference intends to talk about a Palestinian state or if there are Palestinians who represent the PLO. We want to talk with the West Bank Palestinians within a Jordanian delegation and we want to talk to the Gazans, if Egypt accepts, within the Egyptian delegation. This is our preference."

In reply to a reporter's question, Dayan said he would not resign and that he would not take it as a personal slight if the Cabinet failed to approve the working paper.

Rabin opposes overall settlement

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin last night repeated his view that an attempt to reach an overall settlement in the Middle East could only lead to a deadlock since the Israeli and Arab positions on such a solution were irreconcilable. Moreover, today Israel cannot even accept the American position on a settlement, he stressed.

A step-by-step approach with more interim agreements remained the only alternative, Rabin held, while reverting to it after another deadlock would prove far more difficult.

Rabin was delivering the concluding lecture on "strategic relations" at a one-day seminar at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation, devoted to "Prospects and Dangers of Peace Relations Between Israel and the Arab Countries." Israel, unlike the Arabs, had no hope for a military option to solve the conflict, since whenever a war developed to Israel's advantage the Russians would side with the Arabs.

Katzir to visit Mexico next month

President Ephraim Katzir will pay an official visit to Mexico at the invitation of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo.

The visit, which will take place from November 21 to 27, was announced yesterday in both capitals. This will be the first state visit to Mexico by an Israeli President. The President, a renowned biologist, will give a lecture during his stay in Mexico. (Itim)

Czech couple hijack plane to West Germany

FRANKFURT (UPI). — Two Czechoslovak airline employees hijacked one of their company planes yesterday and forced it at gunpoint to fly west to West Germany, where they asked for political asylum, the police have reported.

The hijackers were taken into custody, and legal authorities said it was certain they would be tried in line with the West German Government's determination to stamp out terrorism. A Czech who hijacked a plane to West Germany previously, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment in March.

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This raised the possibility that Czechoslovakia would ask for his extradition, but legal authorities said no extradition agreement exists between the Prague and Bonn Governments.

In the past Czechoslovakia has also made criminal charges against hijackers and asked for their extradition. West Germany refused to send them back, but tried and sentenced them for hijacking.

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THE WEATHER

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Golan	48	13-24	28
Nahariya	48	18-29	28
Safed	52	15-21	23
Beit Port	50	21-25	27
Tiberias	58	18-29	33
Nazareth	53	18-25	28
Afula	45	12-28	30
Shomron	40	17-23	28
Tel Aviv	50	20-28	30
B-G Airport	48	18-28	30
Jericho	38	19-23	24
Gaza	61	20-26	27
Beersheba	55	15-27	29
Elat	21	15-34	34
Tiran Straits	28	24-34	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday addressed the opening session of the 10th annual conference of the Association of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, at Tel Aviv's Pal Hotel.

The President also received at Beit Hanassi a delegation of U.S. black leaders, members of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIS), who are in Israel as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

French Ambassador Jean Herly yesterday called on Ministry and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, to discuss technical and political relations between Israel and France.

Hietadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meisel, MK, will speak (in English) at the Labour Zionist Forum tomorrow at 3 p.m., at Beit Hamin, Tel Aviv. The public is invited.

A delegation from the National Conference of State Legislatures yesterday visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Ein Karem. The group, led by Speaker Martin Sabo of Minnesota and Senator Steven Hoyer of Maryland, lunched with Dr. Jack Karpas, Acting Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will be host today to 320 Belgian Rotarians and their wives, at 12.30 p.m. at the YMCA.

The Haifa Rotary Club will be host to the District Governor and hold a club assembly at 8 o'clock tonight, at the Nof Hotel.

ARRIVALS

Tryng Bernstein, secretary vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, is in the city today for a conference in Jerusalem.

Frank Poole, managing director of Film Distributors, London, on a private and business trip to Israel. He was received by L.M. Chaves, manager of Seven Stars Film Distributors in Israel. Mr. Poole is accompanied by his wife Elly (Communicated).

DEPARTURES

World WIZO President Raya Jaglom left by El Al on Monday for Greece and Montreal to attend WIZO membership campaign, and for Washington to attend the World Jewish Congress General Council.

Marriage

Palma Zygjelbaum to Shabtai Petrushka, in Jerusalem yesterday.

RACHEL BARNETT ר'ח

We mark the first year since our beloved Rachel passed away by going to her graveside, Mount of Olives, to say a prayer, to shed a tear. Monday, October 17. Meeting, entrance lower section cemetery, 2.45 p.m.

The Family

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IRENE LANDAU

the tombstone unveiling will take place on Friday, October 14,
1977 at 12.30 p.m. at the Hof Hacarmel Cemetery, Haifa.

We will meet at the gate of the military cemetery.

Julius David Lowy
and his familyKupat Holim defies gov't,
plans new geriatric hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim yesterday defied the government and decided to go ahead and build a 120-bed geriatric hospital in the Ramat-Quarier of Jerusalem.

Prof. Haim Doron, Director-General of the sick fund, yesterday told the organization's supervisory committee: "We are going ahead with the project, regardless of the objections of the government. And we will find the money, despite the desperate financial straits we are in for the needs of the elderly sick take precedence over everything else."

The Health Ministry recently rejected Kupat Holim's request to build this hospital on the grounds that the project had not received government approval. Yesterday, Professor Doron read letters, and minutes of meetings between representatives of the sick fund and the Health Ministry which indicated that the ministry had agreed to the plan as far back as 1973.

However, the ministry spokesman says the project has never been approved by the ministry's budget department, nor has it received a building permit. "If Kupat Holim goes ahead and builds it — and hopes to get a building permit and a retroactive financial grant after the building is standing — it is taking a big risk," the spokesman said.

During the committee session, Prof. Noah Kaplinsky, who has headed a special Kupat Holim panel to investigate geriatric health problems in Israel, presented an exceedingly gloomy picture, and said the situation would worsen unless public opinion forced the government to tackle the problem.

At present, there are 300,000 elderly persons (65-years-old and up) in Israel and the population "is steadily growing older." Some 230,000 elderly persons are Kupat Holim members. Of these, 86 per cent are healthy and can take care of themselves, 13 per cent are ailing and can rarely leave their homes, and two per cent are bed-ridden.

At present, Kupat Holim needs an additional 3,658 hospital beds for its members. It has managed to provide space for some 2,251 elderly patients, leaving 1,375 who are not receiving adequate care. By 1985, another 2,000 Kupat Holim members will need hospitalization — and no beds will be available, unless they are built now.

Dr. Kaplinsky stressed that every doctor in every clinic needs to be constantly aware of the ailments of the elderly, to make systematic checks of blood pressure, prostate, colon, skin, teeth, hearing, sight and limbs, and to teach the elderly the value of proper nutrition.

Knesset call to Petah Tikva
parents to end their strike

By SUSAN BELLOS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Representatives of the striking Petah Tikva parents sat with the Knesset Education Committee for 4½ hours yesterday.

According to committee chairman Aharon Yadin (Alignment), there was "a constructive discussion" but the committee's recommendations to the parents did not differ substantially from what the Education Ministry authorities have already suggested to the middle class parents, and which some of them have rejected.

Yadin, the former Minister of Education, said that the committee recommended that the (advanced) children from the Hess and Yesodot schools go and study in the new intermediate-school building on the grounds of the Amal Alon School, along with the disadvantaged children from Morasha and Hamat-mid.

At a meeting last night in Petah Tikva, the parents decided not to end their strike.

The committee also recommended that the Ministry of Education and the Petah Tikva municipality consult on the matter and make their decision within a month.

Parents should be consulted but should not take part in the decision-making process, Yadin said. "The final decision must be made by the Ministry."

The committee's recommendations and Yadin's condemnation.

Histadrut to consider strikes
to stop arbitration bill

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut leadership has decided to ask the labour federation's convention to authorize the calling of strikes against a bill providing for compulsory arbitration in essential services.

This issue has been a major source of contention between the Likud which won the May 17 Knesset elections and the Alignment which won the June 21 Histadrut elections.

A draft resolution tabled with the Histadrut's preparatory committee says: "The convention calls upon the Government to retract its intention to present the bill. Should this request be rejected, the convention instructs the Histadrut Executive to take public and organizational measures to prevent the passage of the law." The term "organizational measures" refers to strikes.

Another proposed resolution for next month's convention recommends a change in the system of cost-of-living allowance. The Histadrut claims these payments lag far behind the galloping rate of inflation but the private employers have rejected the labour federation's demand to change the system.

In Jerusalem it was reported yesterday that deputy Minister Yoram Aridor has received unexpected support from the committee of Egged's hired workers for the compulsory arbitration bill. The committee wrote him to ask that the proposed law apply not only to air and sea transport workers, but also to surface transportation.

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres decided yesterday that the call of the party's meachav movement section for the break-up of the partnership with Mapam did not reflect the sentiment of the majority of the party. He said that he was convinced that the majority in both parties wanted to continue the Alignment and even strengthen it.

Mr. Peres, who was addressing a press conference here, said that the party had passed the crisis which followed upon its debate in the May elections.

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Foreign Minister Dayan, arriving from New York at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, went straight to the telephone to speak with Prime Minister Begin. Looking on is Ephraim Evron, director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Strike of university office
workers goes into third day

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The strike of the administrative employees in the country's universities goes into its third day today.

Representatives of the Histadrut and the administrative employees have agreed to appear this afternoon before the Arbitration Board in Jerusalem.

The university authorities decided Monday night that they would go to the Arbitration Board over the car allowances to be paid to the administrative employees.

The authorities say this is the only point of contention, while the workers maintain that they are fighting a battle for recognition of the principle that all contracts signed with public service employees are applicable in their entirety to university administrative staffs.

Shmuel Kreisberg of the Histadrut Clerks Union stressed that although they would go to the Arbitration

Court today, they would not necessarily agree to arbitrate. "First we want to find out what they have in mind."

Susan Bellos adds: Libraries were closed yesterday at the Hebrew University and most of the faculties were empty. Among the most urgent problems, if the strike continues, is the beginning of classes at the Pre-Academic Centre, which is scheduled for Sunday.

Students who wish to move into dormitories on the campus before term starts on October 30 will also have to wait.

According to a radio report, the National Union of Students has also appealed to the university workers to end their strike in order not to interfere with the opening of the academic year.

The Hebrew University spokesman said yesterday that the demand for increased car allowances was "actually a demand for a concealed wage raise."

Shavit attacks decision
on instant coffee duty

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The president of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Avraham Shavit, yesterday attacked the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism for its decision to lower by 10 per cent the duty on imported instant coffee.

In a letter to Minister Yigal Hurvitz, Shavit said that "this decision is a direct attack on the principle that it is impossible at present to lower the price of instant coffee, which has been under your price control for years."

The announcement was an attack on Israel's coffee manufacturers and gave the impression that the public and importers were being invited "to intimidate local coffee manufacturers and force them to lower their prices against economic calculations."

Shavit said that Israeli instant

coffee exported to the Common Market was taxed and thus the lowering of the tax on the imported commodity was a one-sided decision.

An opposing view was expressed yesterday by a former leading industrialist, DMC Knesset Member Meir Amit, who said that coffee, being a product subject to sharp price fluctuations, could not be effectively price-controlled. The Price Control Committee, Amit said, worked on the basis of cost-plus and thereby opened the way for all kinds of price distortions.

Amit said that the only way to control monopolies such as that of Elite was to expose the company to competitive imports, especially since it could no longer be treated as an infant industry. Such competition was vital if Israel was to integrate with the European Community.

Alignment doves weigh going
to Paris 'peace conference'

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dovish Alignment Knesset Members Yossi Sarid of Labour and Naftali Feder of Mapam are considering an invitation to attend a conference on peace in the Middle East which will be attended by Arab leaders and PLO members.

The conference is scheduled to be held in Paris this week-end. Shelli leader Arye Eliav left for Paris yesterday to investigate the identity of the conference organizers before deciding whether to participate. He will also inquire as to the participation of European political figures.

Sarid told me that "we won't go if

we reach a conclusion that the meeting is designed to serve groups hostile to Israel and the peace process. But we will go if it is designed to be an open and balanced forum for an exchange of views and expression of positions."

Feder told me he will decide by tomorrow evening whether to accept the invitation.

The Communist Party spokesman, Uri Burstein said that the Paris conference — officially the International Conference for a Just Peace in the Middle East — was designed to bring together 30 Western and Eastern delegations.

Peres rejects call for Alignment dissolution

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres decided yesterday that the call of the party's meachav movement section for the break-up of the partnership with Mapam did not reflect the sentiment of the majority of the party. He said that he was convinced that the majority in both parties wanted to continue the Alignment and even strengthen it.

Mr. Peres, who was addressing a press conference here, said that the party had passed the crisis which followed upon its debate in the May elections.

The Alignment had agreed to cooperate in the Knesset with the Citizens' Rights Movement, he said. There were talks about the possibility of the CRM's lone MK, Shulamit Aloni, returning to the Labour Party, but both sides have agreed to move gradually.

There are also continuous contacts with the Independent Liberal Party. Some of the latter's settlements are associated with Labour's Ihud Hakavut Ve'hakibbutzim, Peres noted. But the ILP has no decision as yet on Peres' proposal for closer cooperation between the two.

The Labour Party has halved its

administrative staff and expenses as part of an attempt to cover a IL20m. debt. Ninety employees out of 220 have been dismissed and additional cuts are expected. Administrative expenses have been cut from IL25m. a year to IL15m.

(See editorial — p.2)

Goren: Time not
ripe for prayer
on Temple Mount

Jerusalem Post Staff

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren revealed yesterday that he had turned down a proposal, made by Prime Minister Menachem Begin soon after the May elections, that the question of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount be discussed — on the grounds that the time was not ripe for such discussions.

Interviewed on Israeli Radio yesterday, Goren said he had made no plans to designate areas on the mount where Jews could pray, nor did he have any intention of doing so. He said reports that he was contemplating such action were incorrect.

The Supreme Muslim Council in the Old City of Jerusalem earlier issued a statement protesting a previous press account which reported that he would approve Jewish prayers in certain sections of the Temple Mount. The Council said that the site, which Moslems refer to as the al-Akza Mosque Compound, was entirely Islamic property and that Jewish congregants had no rights to practise any religious rite there.

Man strangles his wife,
tries to commit suicide

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLIYA. — In the early morning hours yesterday, Alexander Shmiedeman, his clothes dripping with water, walked into the lobby of the Accadia Hotel here, asked the reception clerk to call the police, and said he had strangled his wife to death and then tried to drown himself.

Shmiedeman, 32, is to appear in Magistrates Court today for an extension of his remand on the charge of murder.

The body of Rimona Shmiedeman, 30, of the Shaviv neighbourhood was discovered by her eight-year-old son Misha after he awoke from his sleep and wandered into his parents' bedroom at about 3 a.m. yesterday. When the child saw his mother lying

on the floor, he aroused a neighbour who called the police.

Investigators later determined that the woman had been strangled by her husband, Alexander, who had strangled his wife to death and then tried to drown himself.

The Shmiedeman's in-laws from Russia in 1968. Misha, three-year-old sister, Anat, 10, living with neighbours.

State's witness gives details of mu

TEL AVIV (Him). — State's witness Meir Zarihan told the District Court here yesterday how he and two accomplices had murdered rival gangster Eli Amichai in Petah Tikva last August. Amichai had afterwards burnt and dismembered his body.

Zarihan, told the court he had decided to testify against Yitzhak Ohana and Viron Eliroy out of "feelings of remorse." He described in great detail how they had invited Amichai to Elroy's apartment in Petah Tikva on August with the express intention of killing him and afterwards disposing of his body.

As soon as Amichai arrived at the apartment and saw who was waiting for him, Zarihan said, he knew what was coming and tried to resist. Zarihan grabbed him while Eliroy struck him on the back of the neck with karate chops. The struggle con-

tinued for a while, when Eliroy was from Ohana and shot him twice, in the back and in the chest (Zarihan claimed he had at to shield Amichai with his body no avail).

Later that night, after a television to pass the time, they had recently appeared in the Amichai body. Petah Tikva, where they had three and kerosene to burn it, tools to dismember it, and holes for the pieces. After and dismembering the Zarihan said, they buried it, could, but had to scatter when dawn broke.

Zarihan will continue testimony before Judges Hiron, Israel Ghadi and Yossef Yichye, at a later date.

Witness held for perjury in
wife-and-lover murder trial

The trial of Netanel Kramatsky, charged with the murder of his wife and her lover, last May, took a dramatic turn in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday when the prosecution's chief witness was arrested for perjury.

Tali Kramatsky, who married the accused's son Alon two months ago, was declared a hostile witness on Monday after retracting in court her entire statement to the police.

She originally told police investigators that she had been with Kramatsky on the night of May 25, when he is alleged to have murdered his estranged wife, Paula, and her lover, Ovadia Shalev, outside her home in Jerusalem.

She said she had driven with the accused to Paula Kramatsky's flat in Jerusalem's Greek Colony after dropping Alon, then her fiancé, at his army base on the West Bank. She said Kramatsky had left her in his car, returning after a few minutes, saying: "They've arrived." He went off again, and the next thing she heard, she told the police, was a sudden scream of brakes, and the sound of two shots being fired.

Kramatsky then came back to the car, she told police, and they drove home to his apartment in Beersheba.

On the way, Tali claimed he told her to "look after Alon like a mother because he has nobody now." She also told the police that he had thrown "something" out of the window of the car.

But in court on Monday Kramatsky retracted her statement, claiming that pressure applied by 11 interrogators had reinforced to "get at" her future father-in-law and "bribe him."

She had fallen asleep in the car after the accused had returned to his army camp at Adura had woken up in Beersheba, she knew nothing of a Jerusalem.

When the trial resumed yesterday, the prosecutor, Asher Palg, examined the witness, and established that certain of the statements could not be known to the police — and words the accused had spoken before the shooting and in the way to Beersheba.

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Judges Eliaz Halevi, Cohn and Ezra Hedaya agreed prosecution's request that arrested for perjury. She appear surprised, and we call when she was led to court by two policemen. The trial continues today.

Police raid shoe store;
dollars said found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Acting on a tip, the police yesterday raided a shoe store in Rehov Afiya, in south Tel Aviv, and found army boots alleged to have been stolen and \$10,000. The key of a bank deposit box was also found, and this is reported to have contained \$80,000.

A 65-year-old man was arrested on journey allegations. His wife, 60, and their 30-year-old son were also detained.

Man arrested after
alleged rape attempt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police last arrested a 30-year-old man allegation of attempted rape after a young woman told them she was dragged into the bushes Sderot Nordau but escaped. The woman ran to a nearby station in Rehov Dizengoff to the police to the spot where the alleged assault was reportedly dragging another woman in bushes.

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A South African gain for Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — French policy has rebounded to Israel's gain, at least as far as South African travel agents are concerned. They were supposed to hold their 19th annual congress in Deauville last year, but the French cancelled the congress at the last moment.

The Israel Government Tourist Office representative in France heard about the cancellation, and immediately suggested that Israel should offer to host the congress. The result is the 250 delegates who are attending the opening session today. ASATA, the Association of South African Travel Agents, is a professional organization with 300 members, and associate members from Mauritius and the Seychelle Islands.

According to the official press release prepared for the congress, "South Africa's political situation does not encourage tourism and this remains one of Israel's situations which also fluctuate with the developments here. So South Africa is also faced with a lack of sympathy and the tourist agencies there have to come to terms with a problem similar to that in Israel."

"However, Israel has a great deal more to offer so that the travel agents can get together on how to break the barrier of unfriendliness." The representative of the South African Tourist Corporation in Jerusalem notes that the tourist flow between the two countries is healthy and growing. Tourism from South Africa to Israel grew slightly from the 15,300 who came in 1972 to 15,700



Signing the contract for the congress: (left to right) Gideon Rivlin, president of Kenes; John Bing, ASATA national secretary; Gar Nash, chairman ASATA congress committee; and Ray Goldenhuys, ASATA president.

in 1975. Then in 1976 it jumped by 22 per cent to 20,500.

The indications are that the growth this year will be even greater. In the first six months, just under 11,000 tourists arrived, compared to 7,840 in the same period last year.

Israel tourism to South Africa has staged a spectacular jump, from 2,680 in 1972 to 7,256 in 1975. This trend ended suddenly last year and a 12 per cent decline was registered.

The South African representative explained that the decline last year was due to the unsettled conditions in the Southern African region. He noted particularly the Soweto riots, as well as the war in Rhodesia, and the Angolan civil war.

The vast bulk of the tourists both ways are group tours and family visits, with a small percentage of business trips included.

One big incentive for South Africans to visit Israel is that the flight to Europe through Tel Aviv is one of the quickest and most direct available. El Al operates three flights weekly in each direction, in cooperation with South African Airways, and it is reported that demand on the line is so heavy that the Israeli airline is considering putting jumbos on the route.

El Al reports that there is sufficient business on the route to warrant introducing the 440-seat jumbos in place of the 123-seat 707s. Demand has been so heavy recently that sometimes there have been two and even three customers for every seat available. Negotiations are currently being held with SAA to persuade the South Africans to permit the bigger planes. SAA does not actually operate any of its planes on the route because of the difficulties it has overflying Africa.

Ray Goldenhuys, president of ASATA, in his pre-congress message, wrote that "Israel has, over the years, proved to be a major destination for South Africans of all religions and racial groups. South Africans have always admired and respected and openly supported the tremendous struggle that this nation has had over many years against tremendous odds." He went on to report that the congress committee is sure this congress will be one of the best ever. If it proves a success, this will be thanks in no small part to the work of Gideon Rivlin and his staff at Kenes. Israel's leading organizers of congresses and special events, Kenes jumped in to help get the event organized at relatively short notice.

'78 to see a record number of conventions

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The number of international conventions in Israel is expected to set a record in 1978 but faces a decline in 1979, a top organizer of congresses and special events told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Gideon Rivlin, president of Kenes, the country's largest organizer of international congresses (the Israeli and European term for convention) explained it takes up to five years to bring an international meeting to the country.

The peak number of conventions scheduled for next year is the result of decisions taken before the 1973 war, he said. Since then it has become more difficult to sell Israel to the world as a convention site. The reasons range from politics, to money, to services rendered, officials explained.

Hana Shapiro, promotion chief for Kenes, puts it bluntly: "Since 1973

the political fight against Israel has become ferocious." Politics, it was explained, have entered every organization. The Russians have even threatened to quit international organizations which have considered holding a convention in Israel.

With the Asians problematic, according to Shapiro, and the Arabs and Russians not planning any conventions in Israel, only Western Europe and North America remain as potential clients.

There are two criteria used to determine whether a country is interesting enough for an international convention, experts say. First, are there sufficient tourist attractions? Secondly, are there sufficient experts in science, medicine, agriculture and other fields that would encourage international groups to meet here?

Israel is considered a top-rate

tourist site. It also has scored many important achievements in scientific and other fields so that it interests professional groups from other countries.

Although many good international conventions have been held in Israel the really big ones won't be attracted until prices come down, services improve and more charter flights are available, experts say.

For example, a cup of coffee costs as much as \$1.50 in an Israeli hotel while the price in the U.S. seldom exceeds 50 cents, it was noted.

Shapiro estimates that the number of people attending conventions could increase by one third if prices were more reasonable.

Rivlin says that hotel prices in Israel are competitive with the rest of the world. Then he chokes off an aside about the inferiority of services.

Rivlin is especially concerned about the costs of services involved in conventions. He claims that everything from the cost of printing brochures to the fares charged by bus companies for transporting delegates are far higher than elsewhere. Rivlin believes the government should provide incentives or help defray the costs of conventions in order to make Israel more competitive.

Another difficulty faced by Israel is getting commercial sponsorship from major international companies, a practice common at international conventions held in other countries.

International companies either refuse to participate or agree to contribute money provided their names are not mentioned. Pepsi Cola, for example, once contributed to a convention in Israel on condition it remain anonymous.

Despite the problems, Rivlin has had many successes during the past 12 years in bringing conventions to Israel. Indeed he is planning to open a branch office in Brussels and another in South Africa.



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Labour: looking for a new look

THE CALL by the moshav movement section of the Labour Party for a return to the framework and spirit of "historic Mapai" may be the first important sign of Labour's recovery from the paralysis that overtook it following the electoral defeat of May 17.

It is ironic that one of the leaders of this initiative, former Agriculture Minister Aharon Ussan, chose to speak of historic Mapai. When he joined the party as a new immigrant in the early 1950's, Mapai was already more "Tammany Hall" than the ideological movement it had been in the 1930's and 40's.

But ours is an age that speaks in code. "Historic Mapai" is a code word suggesting the necessity for choice between the two major alternatives now confronting the Labour Party — more specifically, for the choice of one and not the other.

Labour today can either become an ideological party of the socialist left, or it can fill the political vacuum in the area immediately to the left of centre on the party map.

The first alternative would entail the very real danger of a defection of moshav movement and former Rafi members, very possibly to the Likud government as a faction to be organized under the leadership of Moshe Dayan.

The second alternative would similarly invite a breakup of the Labour Alignment, with Mapai picking up a number of Labour MK's to form a new party of the left.

The decision of the moshav Labourites is certain to set off a heated debate. Mapai's Yacov Hasan is already reported to be readying a proposal for replacing the Alignment with a broader roof organization that would include Labour, Mapai, Shelli, the ILP, and possibly part of the DMCC, with each group continuing to enjoy ideological autonomy.

In the other wing, many former Rafi colleagues of party leader Shimon Peres are said to be urging him to take the initiative in shaking off what they view as the electoral albatross of Mapai.

It is understandable, that for the man commanding the stormstricken boat, the safest course might be to keep the craft from rocking. Mr. Peres has indeed lost little time in declaring that he will brook no attempt to break up the Alignment.

A do-nothing policy, however, is not necessarily the best or the wisest course in the long run. For paradoxically, it was the creation of the Alignment as a realization of Labour's old dream for "the unity of the labour movement" that helped lead the labour camp to its eventual defeat.

What the Labour Party needs is to develop a dynamic balance between vision and reality — between commitment to its own values of a good and secure society and satisfaction of the practical demands placed upon it by the voters.

The traditional political concepts are not very helpful in this context. They certainly mean little if anything to the vast majority of Israelis who have reached maturity or the shores of Israel after the 1940's.

The kind of Israel the present coalition stands for is becoming clearer all the time, and it may be doubted whether it represents the consummation most devoutly wished by a majority of the electorate. After all, last May this electorate did not so much cast their ballots for Mr. Begin as against the Alignment.

The challenge confronting the leadership of the Labour Party lies in articulating an alternative concept of Israel without encumbering it with the outworn symbols of bygone times. "Historic Mapai" would be an odd way of putting it. A party that entertains hopes of returning to power should rather look to the future.

A march out of step

THE TRADITION of the Jerusalem March — an outgrowth of the Four-Day March — started just a decade ago, in the flush of recently won victory and the historic capital's unification. The time has now come to have it discontinued — at least in the form in which it was staged yesterday.

The massive convergence of marchers on Jerusalem — a city grown truly big, but still with only one half-decent thoroughfare — is staggering. It very nearly causes the capital to shut down for one whole afternoon.

In earlier years the march used to be held during the intermediate days of Succot, a festival of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Yesterday, however, was a regular working day. Thankfully, it was Tuesday, and many shops were closed. But it did not seem to make much of a difference.

Moreover, because it was a regular working day, the effects of the march were felt not only within Jerusalem, but far beyond it. Hundreds of Egged, and even Dan, buses had to be mobilized to move the tens of thousands of marchers, and public transportation was disrupted all over the country.

March Headquarters apparently failed to foresee the magnitude of the problem or belittled it. But it is the Ministry of Transportation — and it surely cannot be denied that there is such a ministry, even in its present headless condition — that bears most of the blame.

According to Egged's spokesman, all of the company's requests to the ministry for an early, and staggered, transportation of marchers were turned down. The ministry's own last-minute appeal both to March Headquarters and to the bus cooperatives to help minimize interference in the orderly flow of communications can only be described as a classic case of bureaucratic effrontery.

Certainly the march could be rescheduled not to fall on a workday which produces an extra enforced holiday. If there is one thing of which Israel has not exactly been short, it is holidays.

Independence Day or the intermediate days of Succot or Pesah offer sufficient alternatives.

In any event the disruption suffered in Jerusalem yesterday should not be permitted to recur.

The Government is ill advised, contends THEODOR MERON, in seeking to impose an absolute ban on the extradition of Israel nationals to

countries in which they are charged with the commission of criminal offences.

The case for extradition

THE RECENT PROPOSAL by the Government to amend the 1954 Extradition Law is, in my view, one of the most undesirable and harmful legislative measures ever submitted by an Israeli Administration to the Knesset.

It will be recalled that under the Bill dated July 25, 1977, the Extradition Law would be amended so as to preclude any possibility of extraditing Israel nationals to foreign states.

The amendment would protect from extradition not only nationals of Israel who normally live here but who may have committed an extraditable offence while on a trip overseas. It will also protect Israel nationals, including new immigrants, who at the time of the commission of the crime were nationals of foreign countries, as well as Israeli nationals who normally live abroad and whose Israeli nationality constitutes merely a formal bond with the Jewish State.

An Israeli engaged in Mafia activities in New York; an Israeli involved in drugs and prostitution in Rome; an Israeli responsible for a major bank fraud in Zurich — none of these could be extradited to the country where their crimes have been committed, once they have secured refuge in Israel. This would, however, no longer be possible under the Government's Bill. The damage to Israel's reputation from, say, failure to extradite an infamous crook who has cleverly taken advantage of the Law of Return, could be enormous.

In the past, where persons with a criminal record managed — despite certain legal safeguards — to enter the country as immigrants, they could later be extradited, even if in the meantime they have acquired Israeli nationality. This would, however, no longer be possible under the Government's Bill. The damage to Israel's reputation from, say, failure to extradite an infamous crook who has cleverly taken advantage of the Law of Return, could be enormous.

IN SUPPORT of the Bill it has been argued that it would protect Jews from prosecution in a hostile environment. The argument is much too flimsy.

In the first place, it should be pointed out that Israel has concluded extradition agreements only with friendly states whose legal systems and traditions are fully trustworthy. If the quality of justice administered in such foreign lands is seriously questioned, then there should be no extradition to them at all, whether of nationals or of non-nationals.

Secondly, it is obvious that the Extradition Law as it now stands provides adequate assurance against the extradition of Jews — or, for that matter, non-Jews — in circumstances where they would not be likely to obtain a fair trial. The Law provides that upon receipt of an extradition request from a foreign state, the Minister of Justice may (not must) direct that the wanted person be brought before a District Court in order to determine whether he is subject to extradition.

Major difficulties would arise with regard to the availability of witnesses, access to evidence, and the shortage of manpower and budget. Surely, too, the prosecution of Israeli nationals for crimes committed in foreign countries need not be granted any priority in the allocation of human and financial resources. Israel has enough work on its hands without becoming an instrument for the prosecution, punishment and rehabilitation of its nationals who have committed crimes abroad.

THE GOVERNMENT'S Bill represents a major departure from Israel's settled legal policy. As a

The Court may not declare a wanted person subject to extradition if it finds that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accusation or request arises from racial or religious discrimination, or that it really aims at prosecuting the wanted person for an offence of a political character, even though it is not so stated.

Even with regard to a person who has already been declared by the Court as subject to extradition, the Minister of Justice has discretion whether or not to order that extradition be carried out. Moreover, an extradition order which has not been carried out within 90 days lapses automatically, unless it is extended by the Court prior to the expiry of this period.

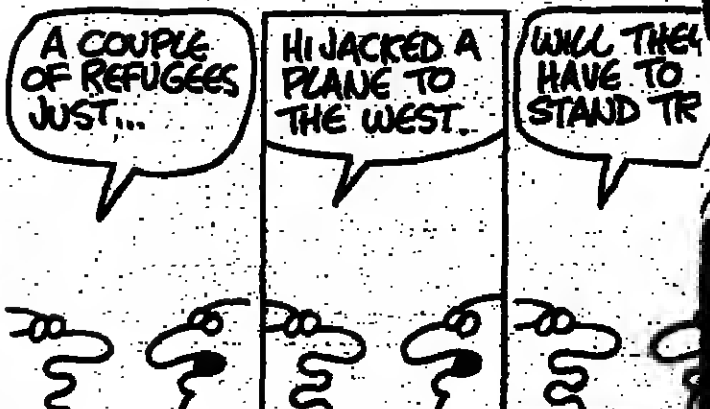
IT HAS ALSO been argued in support of the Bill that most other countries impose limitations on the extradition of their own nationals. But, as has already been pointed out, in no other country can nationality be so easily obtained as it is by Jews in Israel. Furthermore, it is a fact that extradition agreements concluded between states do not entirely exclude the extradition of their own nationals. The usual provision is that neither state shall be obligated to surrender its nationals to the other, thus leaving the matter to the decision of the state of asylum.

Similarly, the European Convention of Extradition, which links Israel with 14 European countries provides that a contracting party shall have the right (not the duty) to refuse extradition of its nationals. It may be true that those European countries do not in fact extradite their nationals. But where, as in Israel's case, extradition rather than prosecution reflects the interests of the state, lack of reciprocity should not be a conclusive argument against extradition.

Of the nine bilateral extradition agreements Israel has concluded, only two (those with France and Luxembourg) provide for non-extradition of nationals. But even that prohibition is not absolute. A person may (Luxembourg) or must (France) be extradited if he was not a national of the state of asylum at the time of the commission of the offence.

The Government's Bill, however, goes much further in that it totally prohibits extradition of Israeli nationals in all circumstances. The Bill does not give the Government any discretion in the matter; that is perhaps the most objectionable aspect of the Bill.

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SEVERAL LEADING countries — especially some with common law systems that follow the territorial principle of jurisdiction — with which Israel has important ties (the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom), do not impose any limitations on the extradition of their nationals. Israel's extradition agreement with the U.S. provides that neither party may decline to extradite a person found on its territory merely because such a person is a national of the requested party.

Should the Government's Bill become law, Israel might well find itself in breach of the extradition agreements concluded with the U.S. and certain other states — unless those agreements are, by mutual consent, renegotiated and redrafted. It is reasonable to assume that extradition agreements with Israel which disallow the surrender of Israeli nationals would have only marginal usefulness for foreign states.

Has our Government shared the matter with the Governments concerned, obtained their consent? It is a known principle that a domestic law cannot be a justification for breach of national obligation.

In conclusion, it may be that the real interests of the people are well met by the Law, and that the Gov. would be well advised to retain its position. At the very least should only be amended a way that the Government explicitly be given discretion to decide whether or not to extradite Israeli nationals to foreign states where they are accused of committing crimes.

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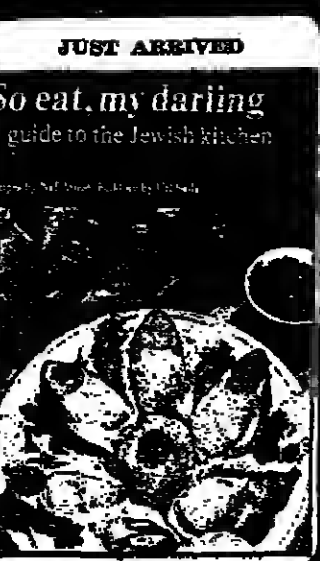
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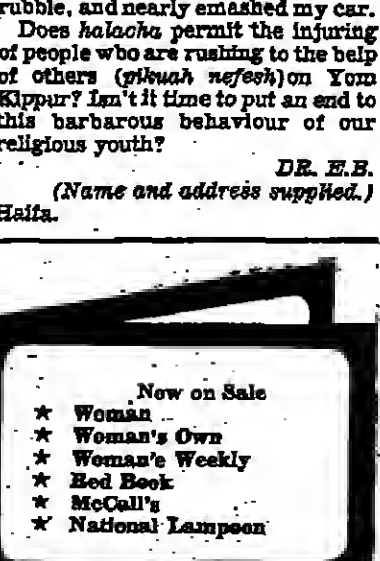
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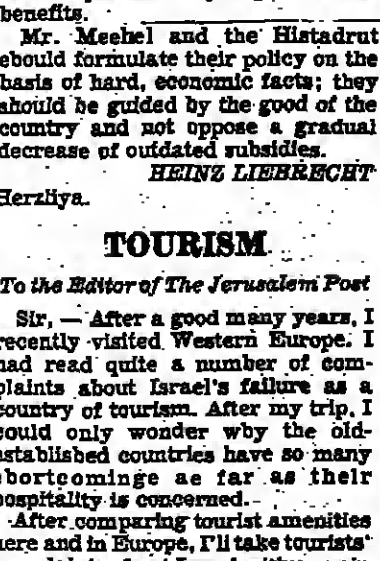
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